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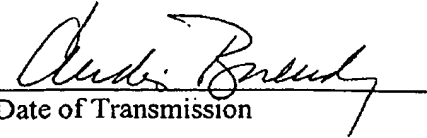
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Applicant thanks Examiner Baisakhi Roy for the telephonic interview held on June 20, 2005.

The Examiner and Applicant's representative, David W. Black, agreed to amend claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 11 and 12 as noted in the Notice of Allowability mailed June 29, 2005, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance.

Page 3 of the Notice of Allowability dated June 29, 2005 states that the allowed claims are 1-12 and includes various assertions concerning aspects of the claims. Without acquiescing to the veracity of the various assertions, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims may be allowable for one or more reasons in addition to and/or in alternative to those reasons identified in the Notice of Allowability.

Applicant respectfully submits that the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance may not be a faithful recitation or accurate paraphrase of the noted claims. For example, the claims do not explicitly refer to "an injected hind paw."

Additionally, the Notice of Allowability refers to "prior art," however Applicant does not make any admissions regarding the prior-art status of any document in the record of the application. Instead, Applicant regards such documents as only being "of record."

In particular, Applicant respectfully submits that the Notice of Allowability may be unclear and unduly limiting of the claimed subject matter. Among other things, the Notice of

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Allowability appears to unnecessarily emphasize selected aspects of the claims in contrast to the precept that the claims are to be read as a whole.

Applicant respectfully asserts that the claims should speak for themselves, and that the scope of the claims should not be limited in any way by the Notice of Allowability. Applicant reserves the right to further address one or more aspects of the Notice of Allowability as may later be necessary or desirable.

The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6911 if there are any questions regarding this application. If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Respectfully submitted,

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